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On March 24, 2010, the global community will recognize World Tuberculosis Day, an annual international observance to raise public awareness about tuberculosis (TB) and its impact on populations around the world. TB remains a disease of global public health significance with one out of three individuals worldwide infected with the TB bacterium.

The impact of TB is particularly evident in Los Angeles County. In 2009, 706 Los Angeles County residents were diagnosed with TB, distinguishing California as the state with the highest number of TB cases in the nation. TB is very contagious and treatment for infected individuals is critical in preventing the cycle of transmission. In addition to its contagiousness, two forms of TB—Multi-Drug Resistant TB and Extensively Drug Resistant TB—are becoming increasingly serious in relation to the prevention and control of tuberculosis nationally. The spread of these TB forms threatens to undermine the goal to completely eliminate TB. The utilization of more rapid and accurate diagnostic tools and the development of shorter treatment regimens

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for all forms of TB is vital to successfully control and eradicate it.

The theme for World TB Day 2010 is “On the Move Against Tuberculosis: Innovate to Accelerate Action.” The theme highlights individuals around the world who have found new, innovative ways to stop TB and serve as an inspiration to others. To help raise awareness of the local and international health threat posed by TB and prevent the spread of TB, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health joins the efforts of the World Health Organization, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California State Department of Public Health, the American Lung Association, and the TB Coalition of Los Angeles County by inviting all healthcare providers and residents in Los Angeles County to participate in World TB Day 2010.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the March 24, 2010 as World TB Day throughout Los Angeles County.